

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) #13-09

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AUDITS AND RETROFITS FOR THE POWER SAVER RETROFITS PROGRAM

SUMMARY

SCOPE:

Frederick County, Maryland, (hereinafter called the "County"), is seeking proposals from qualified firms (hereinafter called "Contractor") to perform home energy audits and energy efficiency retrofits for the Power Saver Retrofits Program.

If qualifying proposals are received, two contracts will be awarded and the selected contractors will each be assigned a portion of homes on a rotating basis, totaling 85 homes, 2600 square feet or less in size.

BACKGROUND:

Frederick County is part of the "Golden Triangle", located 45 minutes from both Baltimore and Washington, D.C. The largest county in Maryland at 663 square miles, Frederick is also Maryland's fastest growing county in the Washington metro region and contains Frederick City, the second largest city in Maryland. The County is home to approximately 243,000 residents and 9,000+ businesses employing 91,000+ workers. Governed by an elected Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), the County operates under a form of government called "non-home rule" with the five-member BoCC serving as the County's legislative body. County services include police, fire and rescue, corrections, public works, planning and zoning, landfill, water and sewer, and parks and recreation. Currently the County's general obligation debt is rated AAA by Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's and Fitch IBCA.

The Frederick County Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources (OSER) operates a residential outreach program called the Green Homes Challenge. This program is comprised of three components: Be a Power Saver, Be a Green Leader, and Be a Renewable Star which respectively help households to conserve energy, make their homes more environmentally-friendly, and use renewable energy.

Frederick County was recently awarded a Be SMART Aggregated Energy Efficiency Services grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for implementation of a new initiative called the Energy Efficiency Access Project (EEAP). The grant application and budget transfer were approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County ("BoCC") on February 23, 2012 and the grant was awarded in July, 2012.

One component of the EEAP is Power Saver Retrofits which aims to assist Frederick County households with energy efficiency improvements through funding and personal guidance. Frederick County has grant funding available to supply 85 Frederick County households with \$1,600 worth of energy efficiency audits and retrofits per household. Each participating household will also be expected to contribute \$400, for a total value of \$2,000 worth of audit and retrofits per household.